

CENSUS COUNT QUESTION RESOLUTION WORKSHOP

Presenter Introductions



Secretary Robert S. McCord provides comprehensive leadership of the Department's mission, objectives, and initiatives. With the Maryland Department of Planning since 2015, he has served as Assistant Secretary of Operations and Deputy Secretary. McCord comes to Planning with private sector and public experience. He worked in private practice in Bel Air, Maryland before joining the Harford County Law Department in 1998 as Deputy County Attorney, then County Attorney from 2004-2014. He has seen issues from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore as a trustee on the Local Government Insurance Trust. He is an Adjunct Professor, University of Baltimore School of Law, 1990-present. He holds a degree from Loyola University Maryland, B.A. (Business Administration and Philosophy), 1983; M.B.A. (Marketing), 1985; University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D. cum laude, 1989.



Alfred Sundara is Manager of the Projections and State Data Center at the Maryland Department of Planning. He oversees the development of socioeconomic analyses and the population and school enrollment projections that the Department produces. He coordinates activities of the Maryland State Data Center program with the US Census Bureau. He works with organizations to disseminate data to local users and provides training on specific census related topics. Alfred has over 15 years' experience working as a Planner in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He previously worked for the Harrisburg Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as a transportation planner where he oversaw travel demand modeling and air quality analysis. He is a certified planner with the American Planning Association and has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from India and a Master of Regional and Community Planning degree from Kansas State Univ.



Matthew Frates is currently the Branch Chief of the Census Bureau's Count Question Resolution Branch within the Bureau's Decennial Census Management Division (DCMD). Matt has been with the Census Bureau for 15 years. He began his career at the Bureau as a foreign trade analyst in 2007 and he has been working with the Decennial Census Management Division since 2016. Beginning in 2019 he was as an Integrated Project Team lead for the Address Canvassing operation until its completion in October 2019.



Christina James is a Planner with the Maryland Department of Planning for the past 8 years. Tina provides GIS support and analysis for the State Data Center and other units. Her work includes Census-related projects, developing dashboards, and fulfilling public geospatial requests.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Maryland College Park and a Master's degree in Land Management from Cranfield University in England.

Krishna Akundi has worked for the Maryland Department of Planning since 2017. He supports the activities of the State Data Center.

Previously, he has worked for state economic development agencies in Texas and Missouri, and local planning departments in Texas and Maryland.

Krishna holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston Louisiana, a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh, and a PhD in urban studies from the University of New Orleans.